

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 174

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend Sterling Haskel Ayers upon being named the 2009 South Campbell County Rotary Club Citizen of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Sterling Haskel "Hack" Ayers is one such admirable person, who was recently selected as the 2009 South Campbell County Rotary Club Citizen of the Year; and

WHEREAS, evincing the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors, Mr. Ayers is highly respected in his community for his exceptional volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, born February 10, 1936, he is a man of integrity who embodies the best of his community; and

WHEREAS, as a graduate of the Reish American School of Auctioneering and the Certified Auctioneers Institute at the University of Indiana, Hack Ayers founded Ayers Auction and Real Estate in 1957; and

WHEREAS, a consummate public servant, he also dedicated his coveted leadership abilities to the welfare of the citizens of Campbell County while serving as the Campbell County Court Clerk from 1962 until 1966; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ayers later rendered impeccable service in the Tennessee General Assembly, where he honorably served his community as a member of the House of Representatives from 1966 until 1970; and

WHEREAS, he also committed his singular skills and abilities to the people of Tennessee while serving as a member of the Tennessee Arts Council from 2002 until 2007; and

WHEREAS, Hack Ayers has dedicated his time and energies to several professional and civic organizations which include: the National Auctioneers Association, where he served as past president and is a Hall of Fame member; the Tennessee Auctioneers Association, where he also served as past president and is a Hall of Fame member; the Knoxville Board of REALTORS; the Campbell County Rotary Club; the Campbell County Gideons; and the Fort Myers Porch Club; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ayers is an active and devout member of LaFollette Church of God; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Hack Ayers is most appreciative of the love and support of his wife, Tomi Housley Ayers; and

WHEREAS, he is also the proud father and father-in-law of Debra and Jerry Lawson, Traci and J. J. Dower, and Codi and Paul Provins; and

WHEREAS, he is the loving grandfather of Nicole Bumgardner, Joshua Nelson, Addison Dower, Alissa Dower, Rusty Provins, Preston Provins, and Trace Provins and the doting great-grandfather of Jessi Bumgardner and Ryder Bumgardner; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ayers is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State" and it is fitting that this General Assembly honor him for his many years of service to his fellow citizens in Campbell County and the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we congratulate Sterling Haskel Ayers upon being named the 2009 South Campbell County Rotary Club Citizen of the Year, commend him for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Campbell County and Tennessee, and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.